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WEALTH OF MEXICAN FORESTS.

From Jalapa to Papantla's Ruins—Primeval Solitudes—Trees and Plants.

[Cor. New York Sun.]

As we penetrated deeper and deeper into the forest, the trail became almost indistinguishable, with giant trees in serried ranks rising close on ever side. The smallest of these leafy monarchs is at least 100 feet high and twenty-five feet in circumference; all are overgrown with orchids and tangled creepers, winding about the trunks and climbing from tree to tree, forming and endless succession of natural arbors. Even at midday the sun scarcely penetrates these flowery fastnesses. Birds of brilliant plumage—among them parrots and huge macaws—fluttered unalarmed around us, having never learned the fear man in these primeval solitudes.

The forest abounds in a species of magnolia, here known as yoloxochitl, covered with lovely, sweet-smelling flowers, which are pinkish-white outside and yellow within. The petals before full blown assume the form of a cross, and afterward of a splendid star. The superstitious Indians never fail to cross themselves and mutter an ave at sight of one. They tell us that an infusion of the glittering leaves is a certain cure for vomito and diarrhœa, and that its flowers will relieve palpitation of the heart. Among the myriad vines is one with scarlet leaves that is always found encircling the stems of the magnolia, the celebrated "water plant," called by the Mexicans the "Easter flower." In case of dire necessity its large red leaves would appease hunger, but its chief mission is that of nature's cup-bearer. Our pious guides and servants, believing it to be a boon direct from heaven, because of the cross and star upon the yoloxochitl, were perpetually imbibing the moisture between fervent orisons, till the wonder grew how their distended stomachs could contain so much.

The valuable Vanilla planifolia is indigenous to these humid groves, and is carefully sought during certain seasons by the Indians of the tierra caleonte. It is now produced only in the states of Vera Cruz and Oaxaca, though (according to Baron Humboldt) Europe received its entire supply of this commodity from Mexico prior to 1812. The aromatic-fruited plant was assiduously cultivated by those ancient tribes, the Totonacs, who once inhabited all this coast region. Though it requires little care—nothing but shade and moisture being necessary to its existence—and is to-day more valuable than in the days when Montezuma and his Aztec nobles traded for it with the Totonacs, it is no longer grown to any great extent. But it still springs up out of sight in the wilderness, and flourishes at its best in hidden jungles on the eastern declivity of the Vera Cruz Cordilleras. The Indians who reside hereabouts in their primitive villages are restricted by firm laws from gathering the neglected plant at will. The vanilla harvest begins in March and ends in May, and during that season the alcalde of every hamlet apportions to each man his quota of labor and profit—carefully looking out for his own lion's share of the proceeds. The delicate pods—every one of which has a sure marketable value—are watched with great solicitude while being dried in the sun and made ready for shipping, to protect them from mold, mice, and insects.

Here, too, the jalap abounds, a tiny plant, with slender branches and heart-shaped leaves tinged with red, hiding here and there a blossom of violet blue. It is called by the natives tolonpatl, and takes its European name from the old town, Jalapa, near which it was discovered in Cortez' time. This beautiful convolvulus springs up spontaneously on all the mountains of southern Mexico, having tap-roots of pear-like shape.

Among the many trees which were hitherto unknown to us are wild guavas, a sort of myrtle, growing naturally in the higher altitudes of the tropics, and here attaining a height of several feet. Its fruit, which seldom ripens before being eaten by birds and larvæ, is luscious and indescribably fragrant. Everybody is fond of green guavas, but few have ever had opportunity to test their taste with the fruit when fully ripened. They are in great favor among physicians, because of their astringent and anti-febrile properties, and guava jelly, as all the world knows, is one of the necessities of a traveler's outfit. When cultivated the shrub changes its appearance so greatly as to be scarcely recognizable; its branches grow longer, its leaves acquire a silvery lining, and its fruit becomes as large as lemons, much resembling the latter in shape and color.

In these forests nutmeg trees are found in great profusion, though becoming extremely rare in other portions of Mexico. The natives use an enormous quantity of Malucca nutmeg, both as a remedy and a condiment—their chief medicines being these, camphor and asafetida, but with characteristic improvidence they neglect nature's benefits, and buy what they might easily raise. Here also are countless lime trees, the wood of which is valued by the Indians for making those various odds and ends which are sold by thousands all over Mexico. In Europe these trees have been so changed by horticulture that they scarcely appear to belong to the same species as their brethren in the virgin woods. Across the ocean the bark is used for well ropes, and the charcoal made from it is preferred to any other for the manufacture of gunpowder.

Then here is the "vegetable butter" tree, the Avacado pear, the fruit of which yields a soft rich pulp of buttery nature. It is pear-shaped, light green inside, and called by the Indians ahuacate. It can never be eaten as fruit, but is so inimitable for salads that New York epicures frequently pay as high as $2 for a single pear, for sometimes the fruit comes to your market from Cuba. Strange to say, this vegetable butter tree belongs to the laurel family, but is the only member of it which produces anything edible. First, there is the bay tree (laurus nobilis), the leaves of which are indispensable in French cookery, while its berrie yield an oil much prized in medicine; next comes laurus camphora, from the leaves of which camphor is extracted; then laurus cinnamomum, the bark of which is called cinnamon, and lastly sasafras, the aromatic wood said to be a powerful sudorific.

Sketch of a Novel Party.

[Waverly (N. J.) Cor. New York Express.]

Dickens parties, are the latest craze among the young ladies of this place. One was given not long ago for the benefit of a church here, and proved not only a financial and social success, but also showed in a striking manner how enjoyable an affair of the kind can be made with proper study and care. The largest hall of the city was hired for the occasion. Around the big room booths were constructed, each one representing a work of the author. No two were at all alike in their decorations or arrangement, but each was furnished to give a prominent picture of the book represented as nearly as possible. The characters were mostly taken by the young people. They were dressed in appropriate costumes to suit the leading characters of the book taken.

Interest in the entertainment was largely augmented by the fact that each person had carefully studied his or her part that the character was acted out in close imitation of Dickens' most striking and best known creations. First in order of the several booths was one representing the novel of "David Copperfield." At first glance there was recognized within it David, Dora, Agnes, Uriah Heep, Mrs. Heep, Betsy Trotwood, Barkis, and Peggoty. David and Dora could be seen sitting close together, apparently engaged in their love-talk or discussing the difficulties of household management. In Dora's arms was her favorite little black-and tan, over which she could not make enough fuss, feeding it candy most of the time. All these characters were especially well taken, the costumes having evidently been selected at much pains. Uriah Heep's "make-up" was pronounced perfect. Little Emily was the only person notably missing from the famous group. It was said that the young lady taking the part was indisposed.

Calchax, a New Stimulant.

[Philadelphia Patriot.]

"Do you see that pale, emaciated young man leaning in a half-dazed condition against the lamp-post over there?" said a prominent physician to a reporter, in reply to the query, "Anything new?"

"Why, yes; he seems to be recovering from a prolonged spree. Is he much addicted to it?"

"Nothing of the kind. I doubt if he ever touched a drop in his life. He is a calchax-root eater."

"A what?"

"Why, an eater of the root of the calchax, a small shrub that grows on the table-lands of Mexico, and is found nowhere else. It is a species of opium, almost unknown, at least to the medical profession, until a short time ago. It is a deadly poison, and prolonged indulgence is certain extermination. The effects are something like that of an opiate, except that it is by far more powerful, half a grain being sufficient to cast one into a sleep that bears the closest resemblance to death. A pallor spreads over the features, and the heart beats almost imperceptibly. The limbs grow stiff and cold, and the whole body assumes the appearance of a corpse. It beats cigarette smoking, don't you think?"

London's Great Thoroughfares.

[Scottish American Journal.]

In London there are two "Houses," two "Lows," two "Lanes" and two "Streets." In the west end "the House" means the House of commons; in the city "the House" means the stock exchange. In the west end "the Row" means the ride in Hyde park; in the city it means Paternoster, the headquarters of the book publishing trade o the world. In the west end "the Lane" means Park lane, the headquarters of upper tendom; in the city "the Lane" means the lane Mincing, the headquarters of the produce trade of the world. In the west end "the Street" means Oxford street, a great shopping thoroughfare many miles in length; in the city "the Street" means Throgmorton street, a very darrow, very short thoroughfare, where outside speculators love to congregate. London's weak points is "hills." There is nothing loftier within hundreds of miles than the hills of Highgate, Hampstead, Corn, Snow, Richmon, Holburn and Ludgate, all of which are over-topped many times over by Dumbarton castle, not to mention the Bens of Lomond and Nevis.

The Workingman In Chili.

[Santiago Cor. Kansas City Journal.]

The manufacturing interests of Chili labor under the weight of fitful work. A gentleman long resident here says that it is a very significant factor in all projects, rendering business uncertain and expensive. A laborer thinks nothing of quitting work without a moment's notice and the slighest change of machinery, or mode of work, though a benefit to the workman as well as employer, is followed by cessation of work on the part of the former.

I have already mentioned the instability of workmen addicted to drink. A little money on Saturday gives the man enough to be intoxicated for days and often the factory will be without its full quota of help for three days, and then the operatives return slowly. And yet the people seem industrious and the credit of the republic is first rate.

The Race Has Disappeared.

[Exchange.]

The aboriginal inhabitants of Newfoundland were red Indians, or Boothies. They were originally doubtless from Canada, coming by the straits of Belle Isle. They are supposed to have belonged to the Algonquin branch. There is now in the museum at St. Johns a human skull, the last taken of a once powerful but now extinct tribe. It is said that Cabot on his second voyage brought away three of the aborigines, and they were kept by the king in the palace of Westminster.

She Was Not Frightened.

[Detroit Free Press.]

A little 4-year-old girl was put to bed in the third story of her home, and left, as usual, in the dark. A terrific thunder storm came up, and her mother, thinking the child would be frightened at the lightning, went to her. On entering the child called out with delight: "Mamma! the wind blew the sun up just now; did you see it." Fear had no entrance there.

Complimentary.

When a man dies in Andaman, Society islands, they paint him red, white and blue, so great is their respect for the American flag.

THREE PLAGUES OF NEW YORK.

A Park Policeman's Remarks—Mischievous Boys, Sparrows, and Cats.

[New York Times.]

"Boys, cats, and sparrows—these are the three plagues of New York and of Central park," remarked Sergt. Meany of the park police, to a group of officers and reporters the other day. "The boys steal birds' nest and squirrels and flowers, the cats prowl around the pigeons' houses, and the sparrows steal whatever they can lay their bills on. Why, only to-day we arrested a boy with a squirrel, which he had stolen, in his possession. How did he manage to catch it? Well, that is a mystery, a secret of his own which he would not reveal to us. He had caught several before; we knew it, and lay for him, and to-day we caught him trying to sneak out of the park with a squirrel under his arm. We asked him how he had caught it, and what do you think the young rascal replied? Oh, you want me to give away de racket, so you fellows can go and catch them yourselves. I'll sell you as many as you want for 10 cents apiece, but I'll not tell you how it's done.'

"And," continued the sergeant, "there is no one in this park who knows how to catch squirrels except with traps or a gun, and the boy did not have a trap or a gun. We locked him up, because there are few squirrels in the park now, and it's against the rules to kill them. Some time ago the park was full of them, and the people complained that that they ate up the song birds' eggs and the newly hatched robins. I think there was some truth in the complaint, for these squirrels were often noticed fooling around the nests, while the old birds fluttered about and uttering cries of distress. So the commissioners gave orders to thin them out. Many were then shot and others were caught in traps. If the squirrels had only eaten up all the sparrows' eggs they would have been public benefactors, but the sparrows are fighters from fightersville, while the squirrels are not very brave, so the feathered thieves were able to hold their own."

"What do the squirrels live on, do you ask? They pick up nuts and eat them, and what they can not eat they bury in the ground for future use. You ought to see them hiding nuts. They will scratch out a hole in less than two seconds, drop in a few nuts and then cover them up again with earth. In winter, when the snow is on the ground, they are fed with corn. They are good builders, too, and build substantial nests. When the leaves will have all fallen you will notice shapeless bunches stuck in the upper branches of some trees. These are their nests. They are so firmly fastened to the branches that the strongest wind can not blow them off. They are made of twigs, moss, straw and other materials, and are perfectly waterproof."

"Well, what about the sparrows, whom you call thieves?" asked one of the reporters.

"The sparrows are good-for-nothing, lazy thieves, and ought to be exterminated," continued Sergt. Meany. "Let the keepers go to feed the pigeons and the sparrows are there eating faster than the pigeons. A sparrow can eat nearly as much as a pigeon, and when a hundred sparrows invite themselves to breakfast with a flock of fifty pigeons there is not much left for the pigeons, and the keeper is obliged to issue double rations. Why, these sparrows have the cheek to go into the eagles' cage and try to sample the meat that is given to the royal birds. There were a couple of active male sparrows who had the impudence to pull the feathers out of the eagles' backs for their nests. Did it make the eagles mad? You bet it did, but they were too big for the sparrows and could not catch them. Why, the eagles had no more show with the sparrows than a bull has with a fly in summer.

"Sparrows are lazy loafers, who live by their wits upon the fruits of other birds' toil. You ought to take a ramble some evening in the upper part of the park, where there are not many visitors, and you may see the sparrows robbing the robins. These fellows have studied the habits of the robins and know when these birds go out foraging. A sparrow will mark out a robin and follow him at a distance. The robin will alight on the roadside and begin to peck away at the earth until he finds a delicate white grub, of which he is very fond. He will pull it out of the ground and fling it down to rub the dirt off. Down comes the sparrow like a rifle bullet, seizes the grub and swallows it, and then mockingly chirrups to the robin, as though to say. 'How's that for high?'

"When the sparrows have gorged themselves and can eat no more they get up a fight among themselves. They can no more live without fighting than can a Dutchman without Limburger cheese and lager beer, and when they fight they mean business every time. You will first see the feathers fly, and then four or five, or perhaps a dozen, of the birds will clinch, and all will fall to the ground in a bunch. That is a good time to catch them if you happen to be near. Clap you hat upon them or throw your coat over them and you've got them. A male sparrow—he always has a black breast—is a fraud.

"As for the cats," added the sergeant, "they're not any better. If you give them plenty to eat they will not catch any mice, and if you do not give them what they want, they will steal your meat and your pigeons."

Sergt. England differed with his colleague, and thought that a cat when properly educated was a valuable animal.

Grief Made to Order.

[Philadelphia Times.]

Crocodile tears are things of ancient history, and tears produced with the aid of onions are equally well known, but it has remained for modern science to find a way to produce onion tears without betraying the presence of the aggressive onion itself. In fact, the aggressive onion need not be present at all. An essential oil is extracted from it which has all the tear-compelling qualities of the solid vegetable itself. One drop of this oil on a handkerchief is good for one flood of tears, two drops produce a persistent fit of sobbing, and three drops an appearance of utter abandonment to consuming grief.

Jud Lafagan: If a man can't learn by experience, he will make a poor fist with book knowledge.

SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE.

P. H. GRANICE ---------- EDITOR

SONOMA, FEBRUARY 6, 1886.

Communications upon matters of local or general interest solicited.

Communications designed to call attention to any matter of limited or individual interest will not be inserted unless paid for as an advertisement.

The author's real name must accompany all communications, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. This rule will not be deviated from.

THE CHINESE QUESTION IN ITS LOCAL ASPECT.

Now that the Chinese question is the all absorbing topic, would it not be well to consider in a calm and dispassionate manner the different phases of the subject. We are all united on the common proposition that if reliable white labor is substituted for Chinese help in this valley all will be benefited by the change. That proposition permits of no argument. The best and most practical means of accomplishing that object is the question.

Thousands of dollars are invested in the Sonoma Valley in vineyards and orchards. This being so our vineyardists and orchardists should be given ample opportunity to substitute their Chinese help with white labor that they may not suffer loss, as upon these industries must Sonoma depend, in a great measure, for her future prosperity, providing always that these same vineyards and orchards are worked and cultivated by white men. Give us this substitution of labor and a new era will have dawned upon the Sonoma Valley. Property valuations will increase, trade flourish, new enterprises will spring up, the soil will be made to produce as it never produced before, money will be plenty and the cry of hard times will have echoed down the corridors of the past to be heard no more. Nature has done much for our valley, but she cannot grapple the Chinese question. That task now devolves upon all good citizens who have the common welfare and general prosperity at heart. It is a question, in so far as this valley is concerned, that requires careful handling. Hasty and ill-timed action should not be entertained for a moment. Let us get rid of the Chinese if we can, but by all means let us endeavor to bring about the result in a practical, cool and lawful manner.

SENATOR VAN WYCK has introduced a bill before the United States Senate designed to prevent the rulings of the Commissioner of the General Land Office from having a retroactive effect. It provides that any entry heretofore made under the land laws of the United States, and in conformity with the rules, regulations and decisions of the General Land Office at the time the entry was made, shall receive a patent, notwithstanding any subsequent modification of such rules, regulations and decisions, provided, however, that the entry shall have been made in good faith and that no charges of fraud shall have been brought in connection with it.

MERVYN DONAHUE received a communication Wednesday morning, from a committee, appointed at the anti-Chinese meeting at Tiburon, requesting the discharge of Chinese employed by the company at Tiburon Point. Mr. Donahue told the committee that he would lay the matter before the Board of Directors. The Board will meet in a day or two, and the probability is that the Chinese will be dismissed. The company has always been against the employment of Chinese labor, and has employed Chinese only because of the competition afforded by the employment of Chinese by others.

THE delinquent tax list of Sonoma county is published in the Healdsburg "Enterprise" of last Saturday. It occupies twenty-one columns of space and numbers among those delinquent many residents of the Sonoma Valley. A copy can be seen at this office.

ANOTHER mass meeting of citizens is called to take place at the City Pavilion next Friday evening to still further consider the Chinese question and to effect a permanent organization. The report of the committee appointed to devise ways and means for the peaceful exclusion of the Chinese, and the establishment of a white laundry in Sonoma, will also be presented. Let every one be present.

ANTI-CHINESE.

The Meeting at the Pavilion Monday Evening.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at the City Pavilion, last Monday evening, to discuss the Chinese question as it relates to the Sonoma Valley. Hon. Robt. Howe was called to the chair and F. R. Corbaley was chosen Secretary.

Mr. Howe, after briefly stating the object of the meeting, gave his experience with Chinese labor. In the course of his remarks he said that he had employed both white and Chinese labor on his farm and that a white man could do the work of two Chinese. In conclusion the speaker said, that after duly considering the matter he had decided to discharge all Chinese on his place and in the future employ white men. His remarks were received with bursts of applause. Speeches were then made by J. J. Henderson, Dr. E. S. Hayward, Ed. Steiger, Julius Dresel, Dr. M. F. McTaggart and J. W. Rudd, and all the speakers, with one exception, agreed that the Chinese were a very undesirable element in our midst, and that peaceful and lawful means should be used to get rid of them.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, a committee of seven were appointed to devise ways and means for the establishment in Sonoma of a white laundry, and to devise some plan of substituting white labor for that of Chinese in this valley. The following committee were appointed: J. J. Henderson, E. S. Hayward, J. Dresel, F. R. Corbaley, H. H. Granice, F. Ehrlich, Ed. Wegner.

The chair before declaring the meeting closed, stated that another meeting would be held at the same place on Friday evening, February 12th.

Draft Horses of France.

While some people in America call all horses imported from France Norman, it is a fact that there is no breed in France called by that name by the French people; the name, Norman, therefore, is purely American. The principal breeds of France are known as Percherons and Boullanais. The Percherons are the most highly prized of all French races, and all departments of France go to the Perche for stallions to improve their local breeds. The Percheron Stud Book of France, published under the authority of the French Government, is the only stud book of draft horses that is or ever has been published in France, and now contains the pedigrees of about 5,000 animals. But some importers are offering certificates from France of Norman draft horses that may mislead people who do not understand the French language into believing these records of origin. Not one of them issued contains a pedigree. They are furnished at the request of American buyers by the secretary of one of the French Agricultural societies, who says there is no intention of publishing them in stud book form, as they have no pedigrees and are of no value whatever. It is a well known fact that what a man gives for a horse over from $500 to $800—the price of a good grade—is paid for purity of blood; and where the seller is not able to give the recorded pedigree of the animal sold as evidence of additional value, he has no right to ask it. With these facts before him, no intelligent man will buy a horse imported from France unless he is recorded with his pedigree in full in the Percheron Stud Book of France.

Death of a Nonagenarian.

[Santa Rosa Democrat.]

Mrs. Lydia Ellis, the widow of Judge Ellis of Sonoma, died in this city at 10:30 Thursday morning, at the age of 92 years. Mrs. Ellis was born at Alexandria, Virginia, November 12, 1793. Mrs. Ellis remembered distinctly the burning of Washington City by the British, also plainly remembered the death of General Washington. She could describe the horse and equipage of our first President to the minutest detail, recalling plainly the negro who acted as hostler. In 1815 Mrs. Ellis' father removed to Zanesville, Ohio. She has been a resident of Santa Rosa for the past two years, and has lived in the county for thirty years. The aged lady leaves one daughter, Mrs. S. C. Florence of this city. Ex-Sheriff Ellis of Sonoma, is a nephew of the deceased.

Patents Granted.

The following patents were granted to citizens of the Pacific States on the 19th of last month, and reported expressly for the INDEX-TRIBUNE by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, Washington, D. C. F. H. Butler, San Francisco, ointment; E. H. Selby, Marysville, gate; J. F. Forderer, San Francisco, skylight; A. O. Gott, San Francisco, dial for time pieces; C. A. McDonald, Portland, Oregon, damper regulator; M. Musgrave, Oak Bar, Cal., ointment; A. B. Paul, San Francisco, circular ore stamp battery; J. Richards, San Francisco, shaft coupling; C. Schock, Truckee, Machine for dressing circular saws; J. W. Sherman, San Francisco, toy theatre; A. B. Smith, San Francisco, fruit picker.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Questions Which the Legislative Toilers Had to Grapple.

The Threatened Rupture Between Republican Senators and the President.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1886.

How to count the next electoral vote; how to solve the Silver problem, and how to pension widows, orphans and people generally, are some of the questions with which the legislative toilers on Capitol Hill have grappled during the week.

The President of the Senate, Mr. Sherman, opened the discussion on the electoral vote. His specialty is finance (you remember he was Mr. Hayes' Secretary of the Treasury), and he is disposed to be as arbitrary in his province as Secretary Beck on the tariff or Senator Edmunds on law. In this instance, however, he entered the arena of debate as a lawyer, assuming the role of expounder of the Constitution, which is a favorite vanity with many Senators.

He said he did not wish to inflict a speech on the Senate as to the pending bill, but he thought no time was better for its consideration than now, when no great political question was before the country. He felt that the matter involved a point more dangerous to the future of this country than probably any other. To be brief, Mr. Sherman proposed that where the two branches of Congress cannot agree on any question affecting the count, they shall meet and vote in joint convention. This plan received the endorsement of Senator Evarts, Mr. Hayes' Secretary of State, whose familiarity with the question of the electoral count is very well known. Mr. Sherman's speech was vigorously combated by Senator Edmunds, who went to the Congressional library during its delivery and came back armed with a stack of law books.

Nor was Senator Hoar willing to take his law on the counting of the electoral vote from Mr. Hayes' Cabinet ministers. He even went so far as to compare them to Mr. Pickwick. That philosopher, observed Judge Hoar, told Mr. Tupman, when entering a town where there was a mob, to shout with the mob; and in case there were two mobs, to shout with the biggest. This, he thought, described the principle of Mr. Sherman's joint convention of the houses. Each of the Senators who participated in this discussion has a personal interest in it, and hopes to have the next electoral vote counted in his own favor.

In regard to the threatened rupture between the President and Republican Senators, I can only state that their attitude to each other has not changed in the past few days. A resolution calling upon the President to furnish information and give reasons for removing certain officials, Mr. Edmunds has announced, will be offered in open session. Until then there will be no further action on the part of the President.

The Republican party managers are anxious to extort answers from the President in particular cases where offensive partisanship is the assumed ground of removal. They want to hold him to his theory of assumed Civil Service reform, and to make the most of their opportunity to harass him with it. Many of them have grievances in the shape of particular friends and supporters who have been displaced under the new regime. A Republican Senator remarked to-day, however, that it was to their interest to avoid, if possible, any controversy with the Executive. "We would appear at a disadvantage," said he, "and the President would have the popular support, for" he added, "the Senate is not a popular body, and it never has been."

There is never a dearth of conventions in Washington. Some sort of organization is always in session here. During the week we have had the gentlemen from the Mississippi Valley, who came to urge upon Congress the improvement of Western water ways. Then the National Board of Trade has held a session here, and Silver men have held a meeting. The latter took the position that silver is good enough currency for the majority of people, that it is the poor people's money, and that gold is the bankers'. One of their speakers, a Mr. Baldwin, from Connecticut, said "a member of Congress who votes against silver sounds his own death knell." The Mississippi River convention talked freely of their hopes and projects, and of the large appropriations they expect to get from Congress. The National Board of Trade indorsed Senator Cullom's Inter-State-Commerce bill, reaffirmed its action of last year in regard to foreign discrimination against American pork, adopted resolutions urging the passage of laws creating a Department of Commerce, and provided a method of settling electoral disputes like that of 1876, besides discussing a number of other important questions.

STARLETS.

If you have poultry you wish to sell go to Christie's. *

White, rye and brown bread are specialities at the Union Bakery. *

If you wish to purchase eggs, cheap for cash, go to Christie's Egg Depot. *

Just received at A. F. Pauli & Co's., a large invoice of cream biscuits. *

See ad. in to-day's issue of a grand raffle at the Union Hotel of an elegant chamber set and book case. *

Christie has always on hand the finest of Spring chickens for the table, which he will dispose of at reasonable prices. *

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UNION HOTEL.

C Cellarius,	S F	L Yates,	Los Angeles
L Mautner,	do	P Halleck,	do
K Ridgeway,	do	M Cuneke,	do
P Galloway,	do	L Young,	do
J H Hoyt,	do	P Pond,	do
P Yeton,	do	W Hittan,	do
C Fitzpatrick,	do	W Hussey,	do
Prof Heymanson,	do	D S Tiene,	do
G Schilling,	do	T M Very,	do
G B Shaw,	do	P Vignolli,	do
A G Moody,	do	L Biggs,	do
M Rasch,	do	P Jefferson,	do
G Rothman,	do	B Stanton,	S Clara
B Smith,	do	P Taylor,	do
T C Notman,	do	E S Fonseroy,	San Jose
G Pote,	do	L Lambert,	S F
E Richardson,	do		

JONES' HOTEL.

W B Read,	Sonoma	J Zane,	Glen Ellen
W Carriger,	do	Mrs Hierkoff,	do
W D Queen,	...	J D Clark,	San Jose
A Brownell,	do	J A Stromberg,	Iceland
J Kuffner,	do	P Hadmann,	S Rosa
J T Herbert,	Cloverdale	A M Springer,	do
Mrs W A Smith & s,	Napa	W Elkington,	Napa
G Hubbard,	S F		

BORN.

PAULI.—In Sonoma, January 31st, to the wife of Robt. J. Pauli, a son.

SMALL.—In Glen Ellen, January 30th, to the wife of J. B. Small, a son.

DIED.

THOMAS—In Sonoma, February 2d, W. S. Thomas, a native of Charlestown, Massachusetts, aged 77 years.

CUTTER—In Salinas, February 2d, S. L. Cutter, aged 54 years, 1 month and 17 days. Deceased was a brother of Capt. E. P. Cutter of Sonoma.

NEW TO-DAY.

For Sale at Auction!

ON THE PREMISES,

BROADWAY, SONOMA.

Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 1 P. M.

ALL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY of the late Warren S. Thomas, consisting of Household Furniture, Crockery, Glassware, Carpets, Bedding, Sewing Machine (Wilcox & Gibbs), etc. Also, one Horse, eight years old, in good working condition, two Wagons, Harness, Plows, etc. May be seen at the place of Obed Chart, who will furnish all further particulars in regard to it.

G. W. SPARKS, Auctioneer.

N. B.—The place is to let.

ADJOURNED MASS MEETING

—OF—

CITIZENS

—TO—

Discuss the Most Practical Means of Dispensing with Chinese Labor

And Looking to the Establishment of a White Labor Laundry.

WILL BE HELD

AT THE CITY PAVILION

—ON—

Friday Evening,

February 12th at 7:30.

By order of CHAIRMAN.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS OWING MONEY TO, or having bills against, the estate of the late Warren S. Thomas, are requested to present the same in writing, within ninety days from date, at the office of John Tivnen, Esq. MRS. E. S. LOUD.

SONOMA, February 6, 1886. 4t

WATCH FOUND.

ON BROADWAY, WEDNESDAY AFTERnoon, a Silver watch with a chain attached. Owner will please call at this office, prove property and pay for this advertisement, and the same will be delivered to him.

Sonoma, February 3, 1886.

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$14,000. Three miles west of Sonoma. 104 acres, all under fence; partitioned in five fields; dwelling of 8 rooms; barn and outhouses; vines, fruit and ornamental trees; three wells of good water; two windmills; natural drainage. Terms—Half cash; balance can remain.

$14,500. Two miles southeast of Sonoma. 112 acres; good house, barn and outhouses; windmill; vines; fruit and ornamental trees.

$8,000. Thirty-two acres; situated 1¼ miles from Sonoma; 2-story house; 8 rooms, barn, outhouses and cellar; artesian well; all in fruit and vines; 2,000 bearing fruit trees; land well drained. Half cash; balance at 7 per cent. per annum.

$4,000. Within the city limits of Sonoma. New 2-story house; barn 60x20; 7 acres in Zinfandels; good well of water

$3,500. 13 acres, within the city limits of Sonoma. Two-story house of 8 rooms; barn and outhouses; vines; fruit and ornamental trees.

$2,000. Within the city limits of Sonoma. 4 acres; dwelling, barn; good well of water; 2,500 bearing vines.

$1,500. One house and lot in Sonoma, lot 80 by 150. This is a decided bargain.

$1,500. New house and lot 50x150, in Sonoma; 7 rooms; good well of water and barn.

$6,000 16 acres; ½ mile from Sonoma all in vines and fruit trees.

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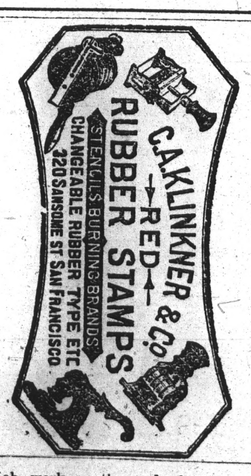

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SONOMA, FEBRUARY 6, 1886.

CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

☞ Hereafter obituaries, funeral notices, tributes of respect, etc., will be charged for at the rate of 10 cents per line.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Nice rooms and board by the week or month at Golden's. *

Baurie Spencer is lying very ill with rheumatic fever at the Spencer ranch.

Miss Ella Dey, formerly of this place, but now of San Francisco, is visiting friends in Sonoma.

The raffle advertised to take place at the Union Hotel, has been postponed till March 6th.

Call at the Union Hotel and get one dozen bottles Fredericksburg Salvator Beer for $2 25. +

Read the advertisement of personal property for sale, which appears among the new ads. to-day.

If you have eggs for sale, take them to Christie's Egg Depot. He pays the highest market price for them—cash, down. *

The Union Hotel is doing a rushing business. Don't forget that this hotel is becoming more popular every day. *

The residence and store of J. B. Badger is rapidly undergoing completion at Cady's Agua Caliente Springs Hotel station.

Genuine white labor cigars made by M. Basch, 624 Washington street, San Francisco. For sale by Jas. Ruffner, Odd Fellow's block.

The Rev. Mr. Godby of Santa Rosa, will preach in the Methodist church, to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 A. M. All are cordially invited.

V. Bullotti shipped 16,000 gallons of Zinfandel wine to San Francisco the past week. It was consigned to Lachman & Jacobi of that city.

The first ripe strawberries of the season were picked on Terrace Hill, the residence of Dr. Lawrence, last Monday. They were grown out in the open air.

The Union Hotel is becoming quite a resort for city visitors to Sonoma. The fame of this hotel is becoming well known to travelers and pleasure seekers. *

Wm. Wilson, while proceeding along Broadway, last Wednesday, found a silver watch, which has been left at this office awaiting an owner. See ad. in another column.

Just received at A. F. Pauli & Co's., a large invoice of uncolored Japan tea in one pound packages. Each package draws a prize. Ladies are invited to call and examine the same.

Six thousand four hundred gallons of wine from the cellar of J. Chauvet, Glen Ellen, passed through town on Tuesday, consigned to Walter, Schilling & Co., San Francisco.

Hon. J. J. Henderson, Henry Raschen, mine host of the Union Hotel, and the editor of this paper, took a drive up the romantic Nun's Canon road last Monday. We found it one of the most picturesque drives in the State.

Ed. Gillan, our efficient Roadmaster, is energetically engaged in repairing the bad places in the road between Sonoma and the Agua Caliente Springs Hotel, and, if the weather remains pleasant, he will have that piece of the road in good traveling condition in another week.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Lusk's Nurseries, Oakland, which appears in another column. A. Drahms is the agent for this valley, and parties contemplating planting trees and vines, would do well to place themselves in communication with that gentleman.

When one is sick advice is plenty, but not always the best. A good rule is to accept only such medicines as have after long years of trial proved worthy of confidence. This is a case where other people's experience may be of great service, and it has been the experience of thousands that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best cough medicine ever used.

The Agua Caliente Springs Hotel, having been enlarged and refurnished is now one of the most elegant and attractive summer and winter resorts on the coast. Visitors will find the house supplied with every modern convenience, and no pains will be spared to make their stay pleasant and comfortable. Prices to correspond with the dull times. *

Lyon & Turley, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, offer for sale at a bargain three one horse plows, one clipper Smith 12-inch plow, a thimble skein farm wagon and a Brewster piano box buggy. These articles are second hand, but are almost as good as new and as they are offered cheap for cash we would advise those desiring to purchase a plow, wagon or buggy to call and examine the same.

If you want a cigar made by white labor, call at Jas. Ruffner's. He has just received an invoice from Mr Basch, the well-known white labor cigar manufacturer of San Francisco. Mr. Basch has been employing white cigarmakers' for years while surrounded on every side by manufacturers who took advantage of cheap Chinese labor. For this reason and the further fact that his cigars are a superior article to those made by the mongol, he ought to be well patronized by our retail dealers. See ad. in another column.

OUR CITY DADS.

Proposition from the Odd Fellows' —More Street Work.

The City Trustees met in regular session last Wednesday evening at the usual place of meeting. Present—Trustees McHarvey, Wegner, and Weyl. President Harraszthy occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Wm. Green for $164.80 for lumber.

The bill of L. Breitenbach, for $8.62, was allowed and ordered paid.

The Finance Committee reported as correct the Clerk's, Marshal's and Treasurer's reports, for the quarter ending January 4th.

On motion of Trustee McHarvey the street committee were allowed $100 to be applied to improving First Street West, south of Napa Street and Napa Street east of First Street.

A motion was made by Trustee Wegner and carried, that the Street Committee also be allowed an additional $100 for the purpose of grading and graveling Napa Street and First Street East.

J. M. Cheney then appeared before the Board on behalf of Sonoma Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., and stated that the lodge would make a donation toward improving the City Cemetery, provided the Trustees set apart a plot in the cemetery to said Lodge. The proposition was taken under consideration to be reported at the next meeting.

The following bills were allowed: McHarvey & Hope, blacksmithing, $4; H. H. Granice, printing, $1; J. H. Sackett, balance due on contract, $50; Geo. Estes, street work, $57.55.

The Board then adjourned.

Entertainment and Social Hop.

The semi-annual entertainment and social hop of Clay Literary Society will be held at Union Hall, on the evening of the 22d of February. No pains will be spared by the committee having the arrangements in hand to make the affair a grand success. San Francisco's favorite impersonator, Mr. Josh Davis, has been engaged for the occasion and will appear in his role of character acting. Mr. Davis is to-day one of the most popular comedians on the coast and his services are much sought after by societies and church festivals in San Francisco. A laughable farce in one act, entitled, "The Limerick Boy," will be introduced, with Mr. Joe. B. Small in the leading role, supported by good local talent. In addition to the above there will be vocal and instrumental music, etc. After the entertainment there will be a social hop, excellent music having been engaged expressly for the same.

Dense Fog.

One of the heaviest fogs that has been known for years on the bay prevailed on Saturday afternoon. In consequence the steamer "James M. Donahue" did not make her regular trip to Sonoma Landing and no mails were received that evening. However the fog cleared off sufficiently Sunday morning to allow the trip to be made with some degree of safety and passengers and mail were landed in Sonoma at 11 A. M. The precaution taken by the officers of the boat was a wise one. They evidently had not forgotten the unjust decision rendered by the Inspectors Hillman and Freeman, regarding the "Donahue's" collision with the "Ashcroft," a few months ago.

An Enterprising Viticulturist.

Eli T. Sheppard will set out the coming season on his place between this town and Glen Ellen, 25,000 American resistant vines consisting of the Lenoir, Riparia and Rupestris varieties. In addtion to the above he is rooting 45,000 Lenoir cuttings which will be planted next season. American vines as resistant to the attack of the dreaded phylloxera are no longer an experiment. They are an established fact, not only in France but in the Sonoma Valley as well, and we are pleased to note that Mr. Sheppard, who has devoted much of his time to the study of viticulture in a practical way, is exhibiting his faith in the American resistant vines in such a substantial manner.

Death of a Former Resident.

Samuel L. Cutter, formerly a resident of this valley, and a brother of Capt. E. P. Cutter, died in Salinas, last Tuesday. He had been confined to his bed for a long time with a lingering illness caused by fatty degeneration of the heart. Deceased was 54 years of age and was a lawyer of more than average ability. His funeral took place in San Francisco on Wednesday, whither his remains had been taken for interment.

Acquitted.

Luigi Carlo, who was tried last Saturday before Judge Breitenbach and a jury, for trespass and drawing a deadly weapon on E. S. Read, was acquitted. He brought witnesses from San Francisco who swore that at the time of the alleged trespass and assault he was in that city. As the evidence went to show that there was a doubt in regard to his being the culprit, he was given the benefit of the doubt by the jury and acquitted.

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SONOMA COUNTY SQUIBS.

The people of Bloomfield have given the Chinese ten days to pack up and leave.

The Wickersham residence on Dry Creek, the scene of the late tragedy, was robbed one night this week of money and jewelery.

Andrew De Martin, a wealthy dairyman of Vallejo township, died last Saturday of cancer of the stomach.

Twenty watches, a lot of rings, jewelry and postage stamps were stolen from the store of G. Dietz at Guerneville, on Saturday night last.

The residence of T. Conners, situated on Sonoma Mountain, was entered by thieves on Sunday afternoon last, while the family were absent and a lot of wearing apparel stolen.

Capt. J. W. Kaempfman committed suicide in Petaluma last Sunday evening, by blowing the top of his head off with a double barrelled shot gun. Poor health and poverty was the cause. He had resided in the above city for a quarter of a century and was well known to everybody over that way. The deceased was an Odd Fellow, under whose auspices his funeral was held.

SANTA ROSA NEWS.

[Daily Democrat.]

Captain Grosse's big squash, weighing 223 pounds, was exhibited at the citrus fair in San Francisco, and is to be taken to New York.

Coyotes have been making great havoc among the sheep in Bennett valley within the past month. One gentleman has lost twenty lambs and a ram valued at $100.

Messrs. McFaden & Forgrave have entered into a partnership for the purpose of establishing a steam laundry in this city. It is intended to invest $5,000 or more in this enterprise, and all that is asked of the public is their support.

The anti-Chinese meeting Friday night, instructed its chairman, Hon. S. I. Allen, to appoint a committee of fifteen to draft an agreement not to patronize the Chinese. The chairman has appointed the following gentlemen as such committee: J. F. Kinslow, R. Ross, Ellis Morrow, J. Mathews, J. F. Smith, P. Towey, Con Shea, M. Vanderhoof, J. W. Ragsdale, J. F. Linthicum, D. Sheward, C. Bane, Lawson Ross, Steve Story and Jacob Harris.

The Hessian fly has made its appearance in this immediate section already this spring. Some early wheat, in a field three miles west of this city, has been badly damaged, and on investigation the proof strongly points to that devastating little nuisance, although nothing but their eggs have been found. Fire has no effect on them, several farmers having tried burning their stubble fields, but to no effect. The idea of starving them out has been suggested, by cultivating grass, corn and vegetables instead of grain.

CLOVERDALE CLIPPINGS.

[Reveille.]

Two white laundries in town.

Eggs are selling at twenty cents a dozen.

Feed is excellent in the adjoining foothills.

There is not a Chinaman within six miles of town. All have left.

The Chinese have been given two days to leave Yorkville, a small town near this place.

The river is said to have been higher last Saturday than it was ever known to be before.

The vineyardists in this section are rapidly pushing their plowing and pruning. Some of them have already finished.

It is now learned from one of the Chinaman at the Gee Sing laundry, in the rear of Sanderson's stage stables, that Ah Tai, the murderer of the Wickershams, came to their laundry and confessed his crime, which intelligence was communicated to all the Chinamen in town. Yet to all inquiry the reply was "no sabbe."

A Captain's Fortunate Discovery.

Capt. Coleman, schr. Weymouth, plying between Atlantic City and N. Y., had been troubled with a cough so that he was unable to sleep, and was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It not only gave him instant relief, but allayed the extreme soreness in his breast. His children were similarly affected and a single dose had the same happy effect. Dr. King's New Discovery is now the standard remedy in the Coleman household and on board the schooner. Free Trial Bottles of this standard remedy at all Drug Stores. 4

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Board of Supervisors of this county met at the Court House, Santa Rosa, last Monday morning in regular session. A full Board was present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the matter for receiving bids for the placing of the county bonds, came up for consideration.

Mr. Connolly was in favor of postponing the time for receiving the bids until Tuesday, February 2d, in order to allow other parties to put in their bids. He made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Mr. Coulter.

Mr. Allen spoke at length on the subject, saying he thought this dilly-dallying was all boys' play. He said he had talked with a great many capitalists, and further said: "I presume they know as much about the state of the money market as the Board of Supervisors, and I am told by them that if we can get an offer of 4½ per cent. we had better close with it. I am also informed that there is a certain attorney standing aside and only waiting to get a fee out of this thing; then there will be no further opposition."

Then followed a wrangle between Messrs. Connolly, Allen and Coulter in which sufficient gas was generated to illuminate the clock in the tower of the Court House for a whole month.

This was brought to a close by Mr. Coulter making a motion to amend the original motion by inserting the words, "at 3 o'clock to-day."

The original and amended motion was then put to vote. The original motion was lost, the vote on the amended motion standing as follows: Ayes—Coulter, Allen, O'Hara and Chairman Ellis. Noes—Connolly.

The Board then adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

At that hour the Board reconvened and hustling into their seats were ready for business.

Mrs. Scott appeared before the Board and informed the members that her property had been assessed one-third more than its value, as she could prove. She has sold one-half of it for $100, and it was assessed at $300, and on top of that there is ten per cent added. The Board, she thought, ought to make it right. She was informed that the Board of Equalization was the proper body to hear such complaints. As a parting shot, Mrs. Scott informed the Board that if she was treated in the way she mentioned again, she would have to be supported by the county.

Messrs. Davis and Talbot, as spokesmen of a delegation of Bennett valley people, appeared and addressed the Board in reference to the condition of the bridge which spans the creek near the school house. They said that since the 21st day of January, when the bridge was washed away, those who crossed the creek did so with a great deal of trouble and danger. There is not a farmer in the valley who did not use the bridge at least twice a week, and now when they want to cross to the Postoffice or to market, they have to ramble around through the creek. The gentleman whose property they come through is complaining, as the gates are left open, and his cattle are rambling up and down the highway, and are liable to be impounded. All they asked was that the bridge be repaired immediately.

Supervisor Coulter, in whose district the bridge is situated, said that as soon as timber could be procured the bridge would be repaired, but that just now all the mills were shut down, and the proper timber was not to be had.

Mr. Brown, from Bennett's valley, then informed the Board that he would repair the bridge immediately for the sum of $250.

Mr. Davis then informed the Board that the residents of Bennett valley would like for the Board to see the bridge, and then if they could say that the same should not be repaired until spring, they were willing to abide by the decision and repair the same themselves. He furthermore stated that they would take the Board out there behind as good a team as could be found, and it should not cost the county a cent.

On motion of Mr. Coulter, the Board agreed to inspect the bridge at 4 o'clock.

The following bills were allowed: W. F. Harris, road work, $180 75; G. H. Black, road work, $207 58; S. W. Burris, road work, $230 49; J. Patrick, road work, $183 36; G. Rains, road work, $303 20; J. W. Wiley, road work, $83 67½; H. A. Russell, road work, $114 49; B. Clark, road work, $61 62½; E. Fine, road work, $270 20; E. Gillan, road work, $182 58.

Three o'clock being the hour set for the receiving of bids for the placing of the county's bonds the following bids were read: G. A. McNear, agreed to place the bonds at 4½ per cent for the bonus of $1000; I. G. Wickersham, at 4½ per cent for a bonus of ½ of 1 per cent of the amount of the bonds. M. M. Herr, agreed to place the bonds at 4½ per cent, and if the contract was awarded to him would pay a premium of $2,000, said bid being accompanied with a certified check for $2,500.

Mr. Allen moved that the consideration of the bids be postponed until Thursday, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Connolly, casting a withering look at Mr. Allen, which completely threw that gentleman off his base, in scornful tones said: "It is amusing to hear the Supervisor speak in the way he has, while all along he had been anxious to close with the 4¾ and 4½ offers made. Now he wants to talk about economy. It's rank hypocrisy." Mr. Connolly said he would amend the motion of Mr. Allen's by inserting the clause "3 P. M. Tuesday" instead of 10 A. M. Thursday.

Mr. Coulter spoke at length in regard to the subject, stating that he was of the opinion that it would do no harm to postpone the matter until Tuesday at 3 o'clock. He said that the county had saved money by waiting, and not being too premature, and that he thought the present offer from Mr. Herr is the one to be accepted.

The motion as amended by Mr. Connolly was voted upon and resulted as follows: Ayes—Coulter, O'Hara, Connolly and Chairman Ellis. Noes—none.

M. L. McDonald then addressed the Board, saying that since the Board had saved the county money by waiting a month, why not postpone it until Friday; saying that he would forfeit $500 if he did not place the bonds at 4½ per cent. The matter had been postponed once and they would not do the same thing for the same reason. He said he could not see any justice in that.

Mr. Connolly said he should think if the bonds could be placed at 4½ now they could have been so placed at the time that Mr. McDonald made his other offer.

The Board then adjourned until Tuesday at 9 A. M., and the circus was over for the day.

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FERARA, Louis—personal property, $250. Taxes thereon, 87c; percentage, 10c. Total tax	97
GOLDEN, George—Personal property, $370. Taxes thereon, $1 20; percentage, 20c. Total tax	$1 49
MONAHAN, P. and wife—Lots 84, 89, 90, 103, 104, 109, 110, 123, 124 and streets; also, part lot 35, $1350; improvements, $1650; personal property, $325; total, $3,325; less mortgage, $100; total, $3,225. Taxes thereon, $11 99; percentage, $1 20. Total tax	13 19
MARCY, J G.—Personal property, $930. Taxes thereon, $3 32; percentage, 40c. Total tax	3 72
MILES & PATRIDGE—Personal property, $385. Taxes thereon, $1 35; percentage, 20c. Total tax	1 55
PARISH, James—Personal property, $175. Taxes thereon, 62c; percentage, 10c. Total tax	72
SHEAFE, L. D.—Personal property, $795. Taxes thereon, $2 79; percentage, 30c. Total tax	3 09
WILLIAMS, J. A.—Personal property, $100. Taxes thereon, 35c; percentage, 10c. Total tax	45
IRWIN, J.—Personal property, $80. Taxes thereon, 28c; percentage, 10c. Total tax	38

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THE DEADLY FROSTS.

A Thrilling Story of a Mendocino County Vendetta.

[Sacramento Bee.]

To-day there arrived here, en route for Folsom, one of the pluckiest officials in the West, having in charge a murderer named Isom Frost. Sheriff J. M. Standley, of Mendocino, is the one referred to. He acquired fame a few years ago by successfully tracking some murderers through Northern California and bringing them to justice. He was afterward elected Sheriff of his county, and probably can have the place as long as he wants it. He is yet a young man, a fine shot and a great sportsman. A few days ago, while en route to San Francisco with three murderers in his charge, the stage was stopped. He ordered the driver to let the team go, and they ran down the hill

UNDER FIRE FROM THE FOILED ROBBER.

The Sheriff made an effort to draw a revolver, while the stage was at a standstill, but a shotgun was leveled at his head, and he desisted. The three prisoners had been participants in a Mendocino county vendetta. As to the origin of the difficulty and the results, the Sheriff gave an interesting history to an "Alta" reporter, as follows:

In the early days of the California gold excitement the Frost family migrated from Missouri to Mendocino county and took up a quarter section of land a few miles north of Willitsville and forty miles north of Ukiah. About a year later West Coats, a Northerner, took up land in that neighborhood, and the children of the two families attended the same public school. The boys of each family were strong, hardy young fellows, and at once became

THE RECOGNIZED BULLIES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

They had succeeded in whipping every boy in the school, large and small, and the natural consequence was the Coats and Frosts were pitted against each other. In time their hostilities became so generally known and commented upon that the parents of the boys took up their battles, and the two families looked upon each other as deadly enemies. When the war broke out the sympathies of the Frosts were with the South, and the Coats were equally as earnestly enlisted with the destinies of the North. The boys grew to manhood, but their antagonism did not abate in the least, but as their farms were some distance apart, and they were kept hard at work, they rarely met. In 1867, on an election day in Willits, the two families first met with the real intention of giving each other battle. Each knew that the other would be in town on that day, and each knew that the other had

BLOOD IN HIS EYE.

They met in the middle of the main street of the town, and both parties seemed to know by intuition that the meeting meant blood. Word was given by an appointed spokesman of the Frost party to the Coats boys to trot out their best man and they would do the same, and the feud would be settled by the result of the fight. The two men met on the steps of the drug store, and before young Coats knew in what manner they proposed to fight he was stabbed through the body with a long, keen-bladed hunting-knife. Coats fell to the ground mortally wounded, and as he fell the two families arrayed themselves in line and commenced firing at each other; when their pistols were emptied they coolly loaded them and remained under fire. There were six of the Coats boys and five of the Frosts, and when their stock of ammunition was exhausted five of the Coats and one of the Frosts lay stone dead, and all were more or less wounded. The survivor of the Coats family

LOADED HIS DEAD BROTHERS IN HIS WAGON

and drove home. The Frosts did the same.

The Frosts that survived that awful battle were none of them ever arrested for that crime. Elisha was killed, but Isom, who is now on his way to prison, survived his three brothers, Martin, James, and another, whose name I have forgotten. Elisha left four small boys namad Taylor, David, James and Ashberry.

In a few years after this horrible slaughter, an unfriendly feeling began to exist between Isom, Mart and the four boys of Elisha, and they were constantly indulging in hot words. The outcome of a quarrel between Mart and his nephew Ben resulted in the former riding into town, one day, horseback, with Ben lying in front of him on the saddle, dead. He explained the death of his nephew by saying that he had fallen off his horse, and in the fall his pistol had exploded and killed him. It was the general belief, however, that

HE WAS MURDERED,

As Mart had frequently quarreled with Ben about his intimacy with his (Mart's) sister.

Later on Sicott and Smith came to Willits and were employed by James Frost, Sr., to pre-empt land. During the absence of James one day, Isom procured a jug of whiskey and took it to the cabin occupied by Sicott and Smith. The three drank together until they were all drunk. While in this condition Isom drew a knife and stabbed Sicott in the hip and Smith in the back. He would undoubtedly have killed them both, but the blade of the knife bent in the first stroke. Sicott and Smith both left and went to an adjoining cabin and secured rifles. They then returned and traced Isom to the cabin of Thomas Gibson, who was living with his wife and family. Isom had taken refuge there, and as soon as they were certain of this, they commenced firing into the cabin. One bullet took effect in Frost's leg. Sicott and Smith were arrested—not so much for shooting Frost, but for endangering the lives of Gibson's family. They were convicted of assault to murder, and are now both serving six years in San Quentin.

This was two years ago. Prior to this Mart went to the cabin of James, Jr., to settle an old dispute. They had a few words together, when James grabbed his Winchester rifle, standing near, and

BLEW HIS UNCLE MART'S HEAD OFF.

James was arrested, but was acquitted on the ground of self-defense, although it was the general belief that it was a cold-blooded murder. It was thought that Isom at once commenced to plan the killing of James, Jr. He proposed to several hard characters to aid him in his nephew's murder. He succeeded in securing an accomplice in George Gibson, a neighbor. On the 10th of last April Gibson and Isom set out for James's ranch, in Scott Valley. On arriving in the vicinity, they stealthily crept toward a large corral, where they saw James engaged in separating his sheep from a band, together with one Andrea Humburg. James was assisted by his brother David. The father of James was also present. Isom and Gibson crept close to the corral, and when in easy range, Isom took deliberate aim at his nephew with his Winchester rifle and shot him through the body. James, although mortally wounded, took in the situation at a glance, drew his six-shooter and killed Humburg, and fired the remaining five shots at a man named Lynch, but missed him.

HE THEN FELL DEAD IN THE CORRAL.

During the general fusilade Gibson fired at David, but failed to hit him.

I at once began to work up the case, as soon as the murder was known. Isom Frost left for Trinity county, and an accomplice named Jewell for Marysville. I soon became convinced that Isom had done the shooting, and in order to be certain I visited Marysville and found where Jewell was working. I employed a young man to work with Jewell for a few days, and he succeeded in getting the whole story of the killing from him. Learning of this, I went to Trinity, where Frost was herding sheep.

CAPTURED BY STRATEGY.

I disguised myself as a prospector, armed myself well and started for him. When I came upon him he had a Winchester rifle on his shoulder and a six-shooter in his belt. But he did not suspect me, and when I thought myself near enough to him I covered him with my rifle and he gave up. When I arrived with him in San Francisco, I telegraphed for Gibson's and Jewell's arrest, and when I arrived in Ukiah with Isom all three were safely lodged in jail. The sentences were Isom Frost, murder in the first degree, life; George Gibson, murder in the second degree, seventeen years; E. A. Jewell, assessory to murder, ten years and six months. Gibson and Jewell are in San Quentin.

Another one of the sons of Elisha was

LYNCHED AT WILLITS

Some five years ago. He had a short time previous to his death been released from San Quentin, where he had served a term for horse-stealing. After his release he engaged as accessories Thomas Gibson, a half-witted fellow, and Frank McCracken. The trio were arrested for stealing a saddle, and while in care of a constable at Willits, over night, they were taken from a room in the hotel by a number of masked men and hanged from a bridge just out from the village. The three were ironed together, and, the men unable to get them apart, although desiring to save the life of Gibson, finally swung the three from the bridge, where they were found dangling dead in the morning.

Frost is about 40 years old, and seemingly cheerful. He boasts that no Frost ever missed his man when using a gun.

At Willingford, Conn., the other day, a colored woman placed her baby in an oven to keep it warm, the fire being barely out, and started out to call her husband. While absent her husband returned, and, unaware of the whereabouts of the child, built a rousing fire. The child was roasted.

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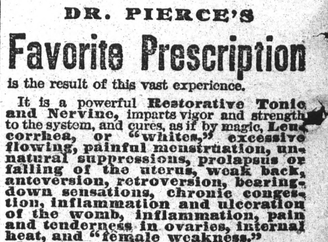

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